

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: YAO-CHING STEPHEN CHEN

Serial No.: 10/774,594 Art Unit: 2165  
Filed: 2/10/2004 Examiner: Mark Radtke  
Title: Efficient XML Schema Validation of XML Fragments Using Annotated Automaton Encoding

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action mailed 11/20/2007, the Applicants submit the following:

Amendments to the **Claims** begin on page 2 of this response.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this response.